



# American Beach at the Crossroads

During the period of racial segregation, African Americans were barred from most of the beaches in Florida. American Beach was founded in 1935 to provide African Americans with beach access in a resort atmosphere. Nana, as the sand dune before you is called, is located at the heart of American Beach.

From 1935 to 2000, “The Crossroads” between Ocean Boulevard and Gregg Street on American Beach was the jumping off place for Black beachgoers. Over summer weekends from the dunes to the sea there were people galore. Like the waves that rush ashore, American Beach was in constant motion.



Beachgoers parked along Ocean Boulevard, which runs the length of the sand dune.



Family time is a part of the legacy of American Beach.



Posing for the camera.

